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Mexican, American Environmental Officials to Meet Tuesday In Santa Fe

(Santa Fe, NM) —The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) will host top environmental officials from Mexico, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as well as the states of Texas and Chihuahua, Tuesday in Santa Fe. The meeting is being held to discuss environmental issues of importance to the border region.

New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry currently serves as co-chair of this group, the New Mexico-Chihuahua-Texas Regional Work Group (RWG), a part of the Border 2012 US-Mexico Environmental Program.

“The efforts being made by this state and this Governor to reach across the border are obvious,” said Secretary Curry. “Hosting Mexican President Vicente Fox is one way that we are strengthening these ties. Another is by working together to address environmental issues of mutual importance to our two nations and the many states in the border region.”

Border 2012 empowers environmental authorities in Mexico and the U.S. to undertake cooperative projects to address public health and environmental concerns in the border region. Its goals are to reduce air/water pollution and land contamination; to improve environmental health and performance; and to reduce exposure to chemicals from accidental releases or acts of terrorism. The RWG for New Mexico focuses on a 100-kilometer wide ribbon on each side of the international frontier extending from the New Mexico-Arizona and Chihuahua-Sonora borders in the west, to Alpine, Texas and the Chihuahua-Coahuila border in the east.

The Meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 4 beginning at 10 am in Mabry Hall at 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe in the New Mexico Department of Education.

Expected to attend are Sam Coleman, EPA; Secretary Ron Curry, NMED; José Mario Sánchez-Soledad, PROFEPA; C.P. Roberto Cano, Secretario, SEDUE, Chihuahua; Gloria Dominguez, Chihuahua City; Daniel Chacon, Mexico City, and Fernando Macias, BECC in Ciudad Juarez.

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